

I strongly oppose the Broad Band Powerline Communications Program now under consideration.

This is a technology that opens up the potential and likely wide-spread interference of the high frequency spectrum due to unlicensed Part 15 devices.

In this time of uncertainty with world terrorism and many natural disasters frequently causing disruption in public and private communications systems, we need to preserve the availability of the HF spectrum for local, interstate and international communications. This proposed technology is NOT needed.

My city here in rural West Virginia already has available internet over phone lines (dialup), high speed internet over phone lines (DSL) and direct broadcast satellite access to internet service. Other areas of the country likely have all these same options including internet over cable.

These existing technologies should be utilized long before one with such a large impact on radio spectrum users. There is no need for another internet access option, especially one like this, that will cause actual harm to licensed, government and military radio services. This has been proven. The real effects of interference across the entire HF spectrum are just too big a risk to take.

Public safety interests should outweigh the public entertainment value.

Amateur radio has been around for quite a while and still provides voluntary public service communications for our fellow citizens. Please do not jeopardize this long history by approving this unneeded urban/suburban entertainment technology. The type of interference to existing broadcast, military and amateur services already using this spectrum will be unbearable as has been shown in areas where it has been tested and implemented.

If the BPL interference prevents the use of amateur communications during the time of an emergency, we will all suffer far greater than not having another method of connection to the internet.

Please put our country's priorities back into reality. Vote NO on this.

Sincerely,

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